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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

A listing of the claims presented in this patent application appears below. This listing replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in this patent application.

1-3. (Previously Canceled)

- 4. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing PGE2 mediated inflammation, comprising administering a composition comprising a reduced isoalpha acid (RIAA) and isoalpha acid (IAA) derived from hops, wherein the RIAA and IAA are in a synergistic ratio of about 3:1 to about 1:10 and wherein said RIAA and IAA individually comprise at least 0.1% of the composition and wherein the composition has a combination index (CI) of RIAA and IAA of less than 1.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein said isoalpha acid is selected from isohumulone, isocohumulone, and isoadhumulone.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said reduced isoalpha acid is selected from dihydro-isohumulone, dihydro-isocohumulone, and dihydro-isoadhumulone.
- 7. (Previously Presented) A method for reducing PGE2 mediated inflammation, comprising administering at least two compounds of Genus A having the formula:

wherein R' is selected from the group consisting of carbonyl, hydroxyl, and oxygen;

and wherein R" is selected from the group consisting of CH(CH₃)₂, CH₂CH(CH₃)₂, and CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃, wherein at least one compound is a reduced isoalpha acid (RIAA) and at least one compound is an isoalpha acid (IAA), wherein the two compounds are in a synergistic ratio of about 10:1 to about 1:10 and wherein said RIAA and IAA individually comprise at least 0.1% of the composition and wherein the composition has a combination index (CI) of RIAA and IAA of less than 1.